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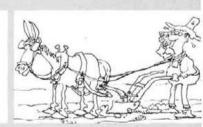
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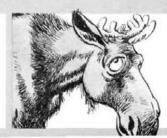
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LETTERS AND TOMATOES DEPT



THE MANGE EVENT

Congratulations on using the much underutilized word "mange" three times in MAD #305. This is certainly a record, I seriously doubt that you will be able to refer to mange more than three times in a future

> Matthew Pederson Starbuck, MN

Sorry, Matty-you have drippy, goosy egg all over your face! Our multiple use of the word "mange" is nowhere near a record! The record is held by author Maria Reidelbach in her book COM-PLETELY MAD (plugola: published by Little, Brown and available at bookstores everywhere in November... A fabulous gift for Christmas, Chan-ukah or Ramadan)! In that book, the word "manga" appears over 3,000 times, all in reference to MAD Publisher William Gainesi Go



TOLEDO, DETROIT, SANDUSKY: THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE?

I was sitting in a park in Toledo, Ohio reading MAD when suddenly I realized that I was sitting in a park in Toledo, Ohio. I panicked and got in my car, driving north at a great rate of speed. After about an hour, I realized that I was in Detroit! I drove back to Toledo and panicked again! Now I spend my time driving back and forth between Toledo and Detroit. Which should I choose?

Marifrances Conrad Toledo (?), OH

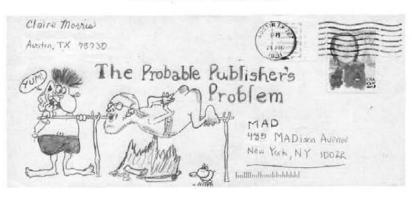
Marifrances—We respectfully suggest that you forget Detroit and Toledo and head east...to beautiful, scenic Sandusky (Pop. 29,600)! Nestled a scant stone's throw from Detroit and a boulder's throw from Toledo, this shimmering midwestern oasis is a testament to all that is right with America. Boasting such landmarks as the controversial Boy with the Boots" statue (donated to the town over 100 years ago by an unknown and complotoly forgotton sculptor), Sandusky is also the home of basketball superstar Scott May!

While passing through Sandusky, we suggest that you stop for a bite at Michael J's (formerly The Breakfast Nook), which is proudly owned by Sandusky's Mayor, the Honorable Milre Kresserl (Be sure to tell 'em MAD sent yal) Oh yes, Marifrances there is one more thing—while you're in Sandusky, GET A LIFE!!

P.S.—As we went to press, we received word of the tragic beheading of the "Boy with the Boots." We will investigate further and present an update in our next issue ... NOT!-Ed.



ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH



This issue's Envelope of the Month comes to us from Claire Morris of Austin, TX. Based on her Duck-Edwing style drawing, we can see that this is one cannibal who isn't on a low-fat diet! Fal

MORON MAIL

You guys would probably publish any letter with some stupid, obvious fact in it, so here's one of them. Did you ever notice that the Commanding General in Operation Desert Storm, Norman Schwarzkopf, has the word "war" in his name?

Scott Fleming Huntington Beach, CA

Scattsa—Interesting fact. We once made a similar observation about Dick Cavettl—Ed.

INSURANCE POLICY?





Did famed "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz send us this original drawing to show his appreciation for our "Mutt Life" spoof on the back cover of MAD #306, or did he send it to prove he had nothing to do with it? You decide

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH PART II



Here's a sketch from our first two-time Envelope of the Month artist, Ontario, Canada's Dan Soelberg! This time, Dan sends us a picture of an advanced-inage Alfred. Oh, by the way, the nurse in the background is cringing because she realizes it's sponge-bath time!!

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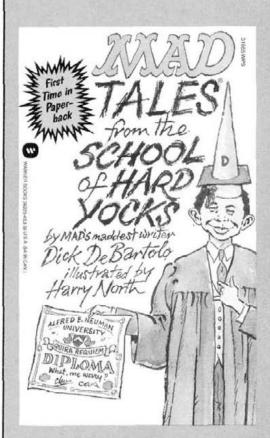
a note congratulating Andrew on his graduation from college AND his new haircut!

Move over Huck Finn!

Move over
The Grapes of Wrath!

Move over
The Collected Works of
William Shakespeare!

Now that you've moved these books over, you'll have plenty of room on your bookshelf for...



"This book stands head and shoulders above books half its size!"

-some critic

BUY YOUR COPY TODAY!

You thought the first Arnold Schwarzenegger Terminator movie was long? Well the second is ...

I'm a Cybore, a human-like machine that has the strength of a thousand men, the brain of a dozen computers, and the language skills of a four-year-old! My mission is to save a kid's life—because in the future, he'll save the planet from a new form of murderous machine men! Of course, I could just go and blow up the factory where the machine men of the future are being manufactured, but then there'd be no movie!

I'm a Cybore too! But a much more advanced model! I can heal myself if I'm shot, regenerate myself if I'm blown apart, and most amazing of all—I can open shrink-wrapped packages in seconds! I can re-form my body to look exactly like someone else! I made myself into an exact clone of the real cop I just killed! And already I can imitate his actions! See? I've given all those cars "illegal parking" tickets! I'm here to kill that kid, John Common, so the Earth can be destroyed by machines! I have to hurry, though, because it looks like the Earth might be destroyed by humans first, and that will ruin my chance for some fun!

I'm Sadder, John
Common's Mother! I
insist I've already
seen a nuclear
blast that takes
place in the future,
but that's not why
they keep me in a
mental ward! I'm
locked up because
I thought "Hudson
Hawk" was a great
movie and Bruce
Willis is
a great actor!

I'm John, the twelveyear-old son! My mission in life may be to protect humans from hostile machines in the future, but first I have a much more important assignment! I have to make this robot creep into a lovable, cutesy character by teaching him trite teenage expressions, like "Cowabunga, Dude!"



MISJUDGMENT DAY

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

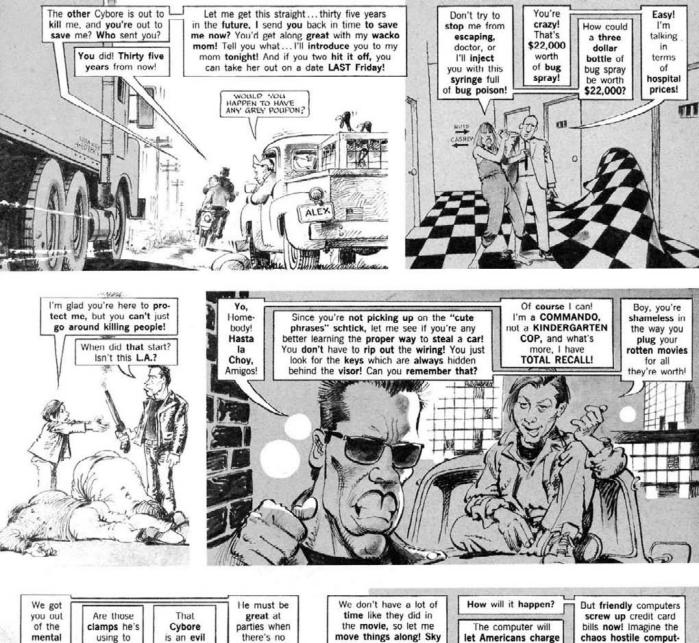




Carrying a gun, speeding to avoid the police, even if the cop is a bit crazed! You certainly are a great role model for a kid!

We're both Cybores, but, believe me, we're not TWINS! He's here to kill you, I'm here to save you! I'm a machine with living tissue over a skeleton of moving parts. That is why I act so stiff and wooden! You've always acted wooden! Finally you have an excuse!











WITH YOUR HANDS INSECT ASIDES DEPT.

The Bold ... The Brave ... The Easily Squished ...

MAD SALUTES

Unsung Heroes

of the Bug Wars

ARTIST AND WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES





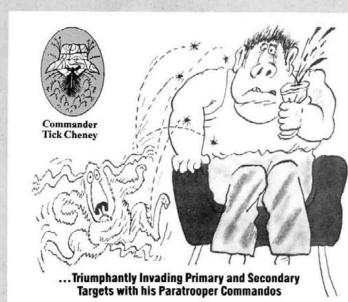


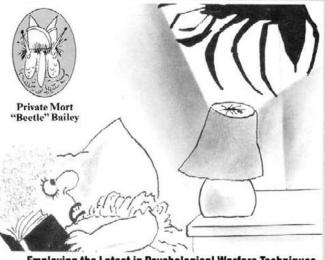








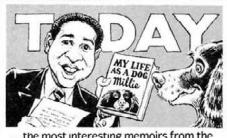






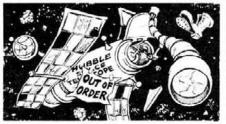
... Employing the Latest in Psychological Warfare Techniques

Remember when ...



...the most interesting memoirs from the White House weren't written by a dog?!

Remember when ...



...12 years of research and \$1.5 billion for the space program at least got us a rock?!

Remember when ...



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... opinion polls reflected politicians' actions, not dictated them?!

🧚 Remember when . . .



...the media waited until after an election to tell you who won?!

VOTER RECALL DEPT.

Just yesterday we were reminiscing about our government's honorable behavior. Unfortunately, we had to think back to 1790! We're sick of today's pathetic political standards. And to prove just how far they've deteriorated, we present ...

*MAD'S * POLITICAL **Remember When! . ? **

ARTIST: SAM VIVIANO

WRITER: BUSS COOPER

Remember when ...



... political debates weren't just a string of meaningless one-liners?!

Remember when



... politicians were the source of some of our history's most inspiring quotes?!

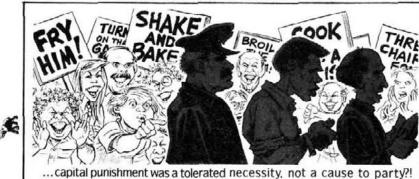


I WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW HOW, WELL, **ENRICHED** I FEEL TO BE VISITING YOUR FINE COUNTRY...



... ex-Presidents used to retire with some shred of dignity?!

Remember when . .



Remember when ...



... a Democrat had a shot at being President?!

Remember when ...



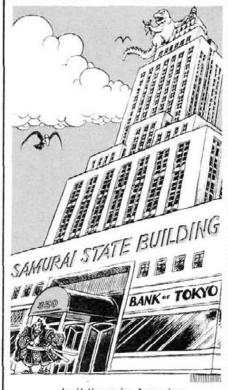
... a President of an administration rife with corruption, hypocrisy, and lies was actually forced to resign in disgrace?!

Remember when ...



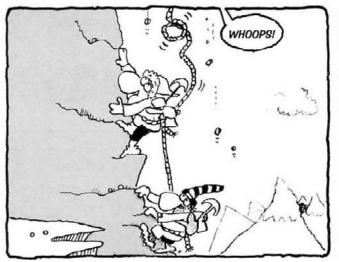
...it wasn't possible to be considered underqualified for the office of the Vice President?!

* Remember when . . .



... buildings in America were owned by Americans?!

The Maniacal Matterhorn Mishap







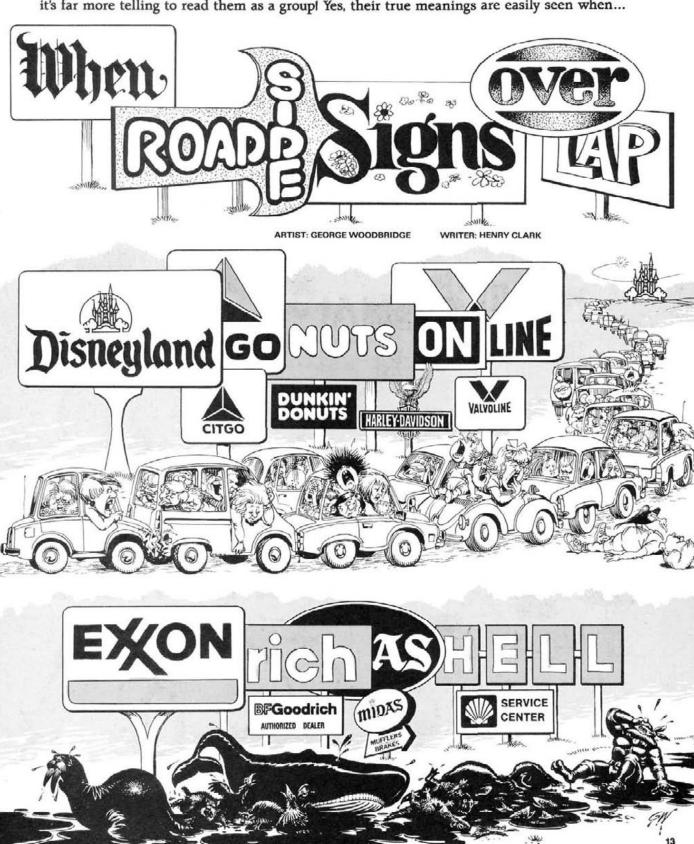




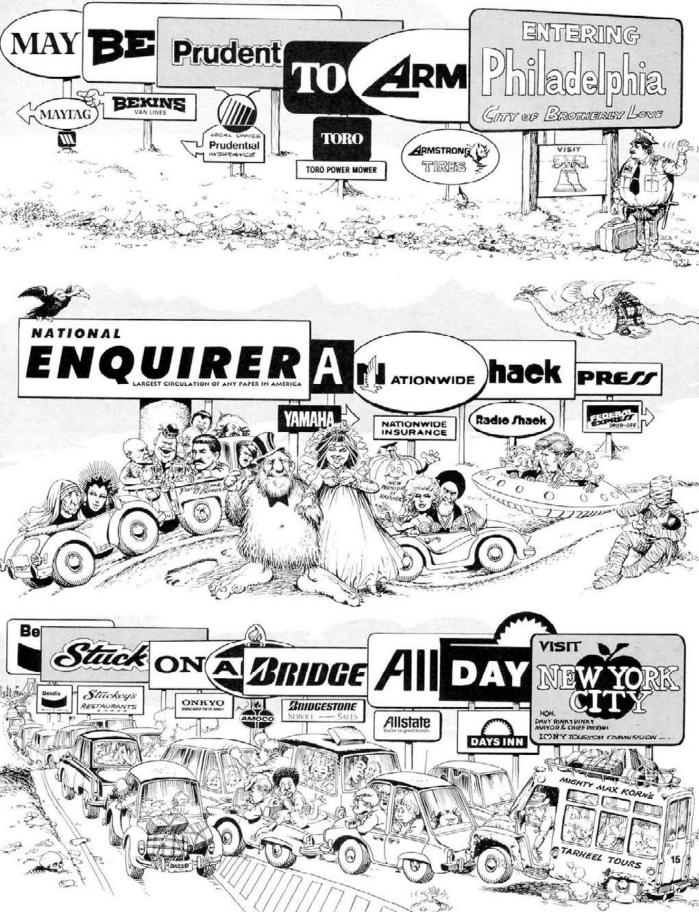
ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING

MAKING A MESSAGE OF THINGS DEPT.

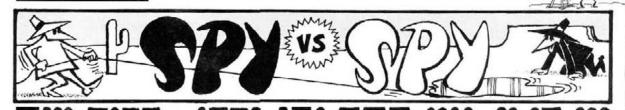
For years, motorists have been driving by road signs and reading them one at a time, even though it's far more telling to read them as a group! Yes, their true meanings are easily seen when...







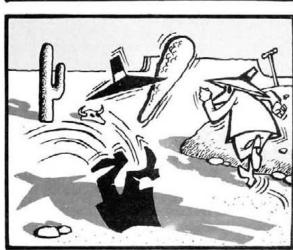


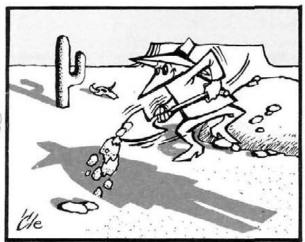


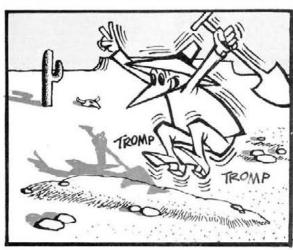












TRUTH DECAY DEPT.



Even if you don't know the old, filthy joke on which the following article is based, there is an outstanding chance you will still thoroughly enjoy*** and laugh at...

"THE THREE BIGGE

***The first big lie of this article!

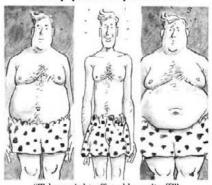
ARTIST: HARRY NORTH

On any rock concert poster...



"Good seats still available!"

On any quick-diet plan label ...



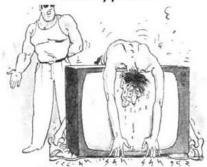
'Take weight off and keep it off!

At any roadside construction site ...



"Men Working"

From any friend ...



"I'd give you a hand lifting that, but I've got a bad back!"

From any pre-Iraq War report ...



"Hussein's 'Elite' Republican Guard is the finest army ever assembled!"

From any fading starlet ...



"Posing nude in Playboy will help my career!"

From any amusement ride worker...



"The line moves quickly!"

In the Pledge of Allegiance ...



"With liberty and justice for all."

From any stopped motorist ...



"The light changed as I was going through it!"

JNNERS—UP TO ST LIES IN AMERICA"

WRITER: J. PRETE

From any avowed feminist ...



"I do too have a sense of humor!

On any vending machine



From any Pentagon spokesman..



There were no civilian casualties!

From any townhouse salesman ...



"And the Homeowners Association takes care of everything!"

From any rush hour bus driver...



"Don't worry, there's another bus right in back of me!"

From any rock album watchdog group ...



"It isn't censorship! We only want warning labels!"

From any shoe salesman ...



"They'll stop hurting once you break 'em in!"

On any cellular phone ad ...



"Crystal clear receptionno static or interference!"

From any real estate salesman...



"All it needs is a little bit of paint and a couple of nails!"

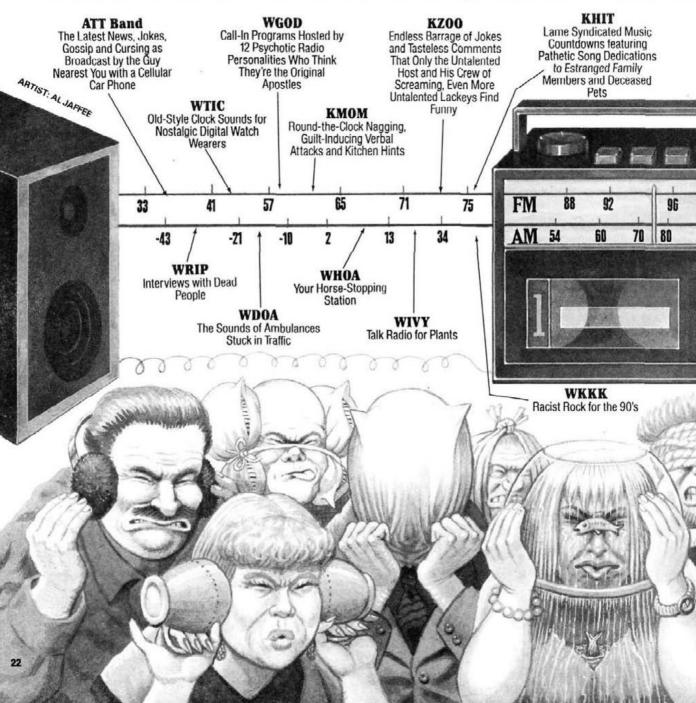


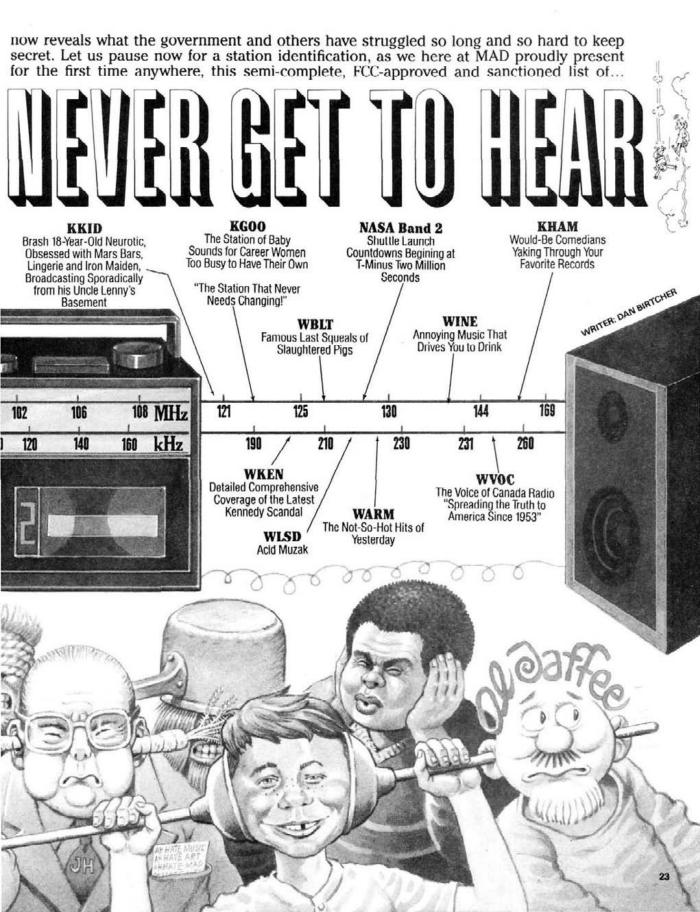


THE CALL LETTERS OF THE WILD DEPT.

Have you ever wondered why our radio dials are labeled so weirdly? Why the FM band starts at 88 and ends at 108, while the AM band starts at 54 and ends at 160? It's so we can't listen to all those stations before and after these numbers of course! Well, our research

RADIO STATIOUS WE





the '92 election
another S&L bailout
the Barcelona Olympics
Shamir's new rock video
Albanian statehood
the deportation of Democrats
the yak season
the first brain transplant
nude tractor-pulling
the Martian winter
the end of the world
"Liberia Is For Lovers" Week

running
sharing intimacies
going one on one
endorsing Minoxidil
doing the forbidden dance
sampling Boise nightlife
mining Boston harbor
discussing Madonna's implants
trading pork-belly futures
swapping children
inhaling helium
skinny-dipping

ALL-IN WHITE

ONE BIG QUESTION MOCK DEPT.

Ever see a dull White H

ARTIST: GERRY GERSTEN

Mr. President, with _____



with Dan Quayle
with Colin Powell
after a heavy meal
during reruns of Uncle Buck
with pygmy royalty
in deep doodoo
behind the Lincoln Memorial
with the Miss Tulsa runner-up
while Jupiter is in Capricorn
with Muppet hitmen
with trained otters
in velvet dickeys

my recent comments
Nancy Reagan's astrologer
our breaking the Japanese code
listening closely to bison
my inability to perspire
the latest issue of *Groo*my chat with Marley's ghost
a Nolan Ryan prophecy
my previous life as a Goth
Ted Kennedy's Spandex fetish
reading romance novels in Urdu
my inability to lob

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the Vice President
the Supreme Court
pardoning my son Neil
a national sperm bank
arming the homeless
the new Stealth skateboard
Delta Burke's weight loss
a 2 Live Crew postal stamp
Saddam's sex change
selling Wyoming to Japan
Mongol cuisine
Bob Costas's evil twin

has my complete support
serves no useful purpose
raises hell with my thyroid
could cost us Lapland
could keep me off Mt. Rushmore
violates the First Amendment
really bugs Helmut Kohl
is an insult to the working man
is a small price to pay for peace
will never fly in Poughkeepsie
could wipe out illiteracy
means diddly-squat to the Kurds

rumors to the contrary
Dick Cheney's morning breath
Marilyn Quayle's overbite
food fights in the Senate
my failure to find Waldo
Cleveland's road record
Elvis haunting my dreams
Leno acing out Letterman
price supports for broccoli
Crest outperforming Aqua-Fresh
my conversion to Islam
that new Iran-Contra sitcom

use press conference where the reporters ask boring questions and the President gives Wouldn't it be lots more fun if you could put words in their mouths?? Try MAD's...

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As you know from

you feel about

3 ?

As you know from

6 despite

7 . My decision

will be based on

8 and whether or not

10 . Next question.

the will of
totally ignoring
my mating dance with
swapping Zip codes with
handing over Guatemala to
groveling at the feet of
sharing my tax refund with
rapping psalms with
doing wheelies with
the effect of a Mayan curse on
introducing Wile E. Coyote to
renting out Camp David to

the people
17 Texas delegates
our dog Millie
Exxon lobbyists
Ted Turner
pre-school mercenaries
the "in crowd" at Wendy's
a UFO-logist named Zack
Kitty Kelley
precocious owls
the Republican Guard
Sununu's relatives

I choose to run again
I can dump Quayle gracefully
anyone cares
narrow ties come back
I see my shadow
Massachusetts secedes
we're at war with France
we can bail out Las Vegas
we have to entertain the Yeltsins
Gretzky stays healthy
Cathy marries Irving
I wind up impeached

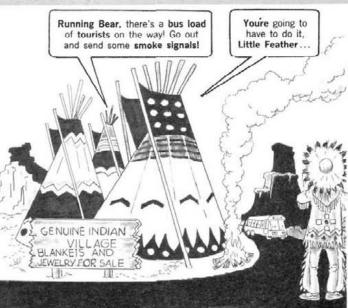
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BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

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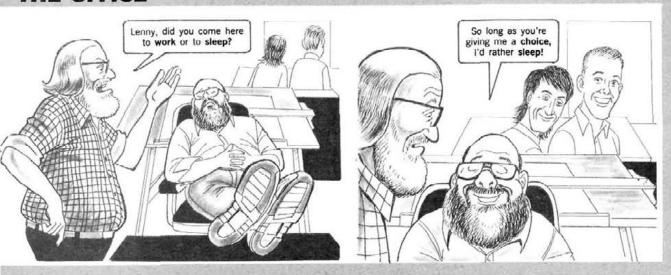


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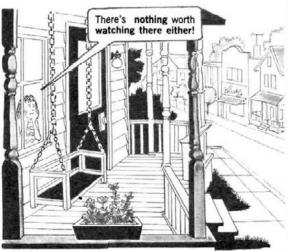


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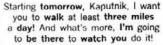


VIEWING





DOCTORS



Three miles? But Doctor, I really hate walking, especially when there's no purpose or destination!

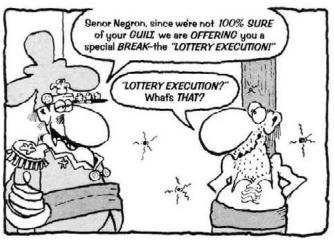


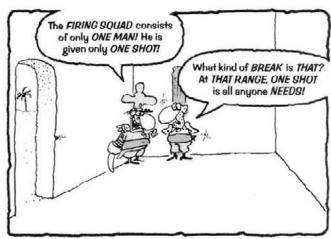




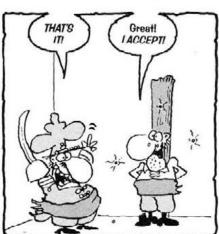
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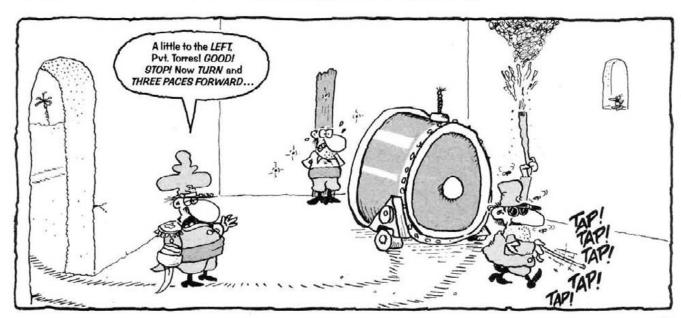












SPLIT PERSONALI-TEASE DEPT.

Take one well-known celebrity...someone with a high profile who's easily recognizable and familiar to a great many people. Now take a second well-known celebrity...Someone with an equally high profile who's just as recognizable and familiar to a great many people. Now combine the two and what have you got? A few pages in People Magazine! But since we hate that rag, here's...

MAD'S TWIN PEKS

ARTIST AND WRITER: TOM HACHTMAN



Axl Roseanne



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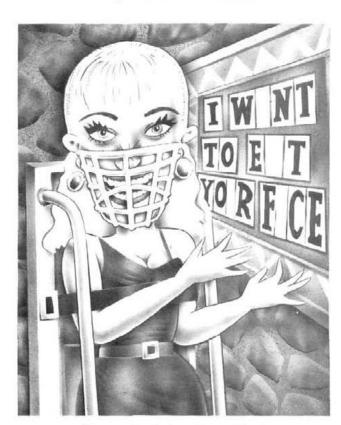
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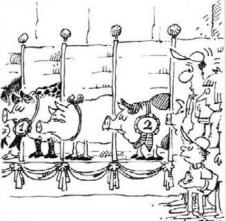
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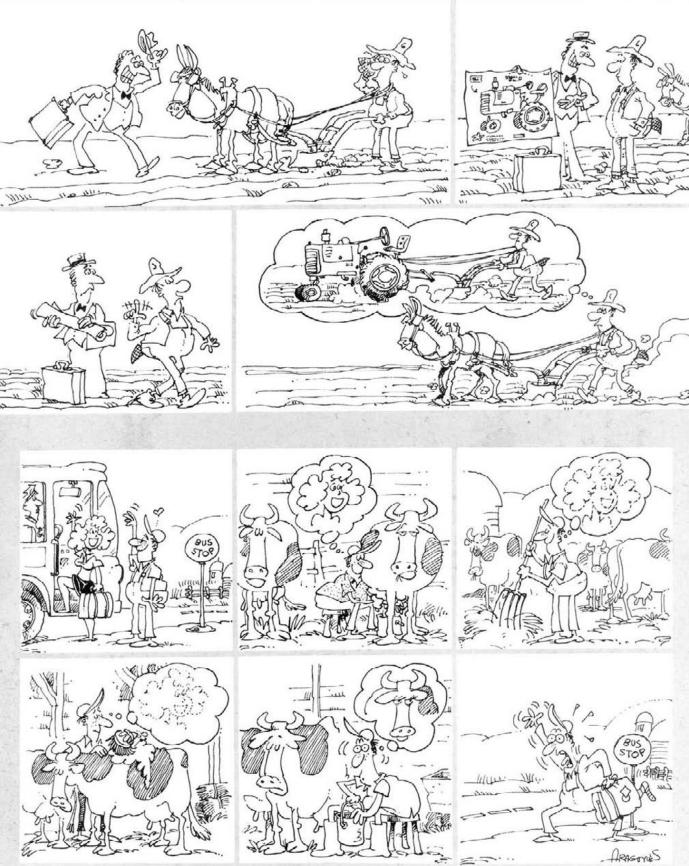












The MAD WRITER'S Fantasy



The MAD WRITER'S Reality



As you can see from the nifty little drama depicted above, things in life often don't "pan out" as one might like. Sometimes things turn out rather poorly. All too frequently, they turn out even worse! The rest of the time... KABLOOIE! Take this intro—we wanted something short, compact, concise and to the point. What we got was a long, boring, tedious, meandering gabfest! Nonetheless, it did do the job and introduced...

CONSUMER FARTASY

VS.

PRODUCT REALITY

ARTIST: BOB JONES

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

The MR. MICROPHONE Fantasy



The AIR JORDAN Fantasy



The MR. MICROPHONE Reality



The AIR JORDAN Reality



The CHEESE 'N' NUTS GIFT-PAK Fantasy

The CHEESE 'H' NUTS GIFT-PAK Reality



The CAR ALARM Fantasy



The CAR ALARM Reality



The CHEWING TOBACCO Fantasy



The CHEWING TOBACCO Reality





The NAUTILUS MACHINE Fantasy



The VICTORIA'S SECRET Fantasy





The HALLOWEEN COSTUME Fantasy



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The VICTORIA'S SECRET Reality

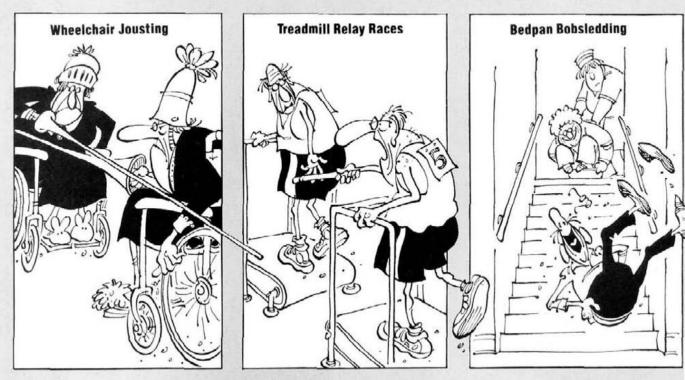


The HALLOWEEN COSTUME Reality

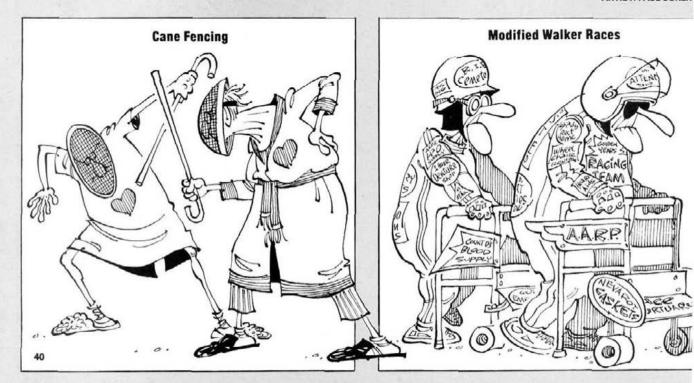


There comes a time in all of our lives when age sets limits on our athletic abilities. But true athletes always remain forever true athletes, even past the time when they start to collect social security. Unfortunately, by then these athletes aren't much competition for their younger counterparts. Their eyesight has dwindled, their hearing is gone and a task as easy as walking has become a chore in itself. Some "Elderly Athletes" get discouraged and call it quits, but others look beyond and find...

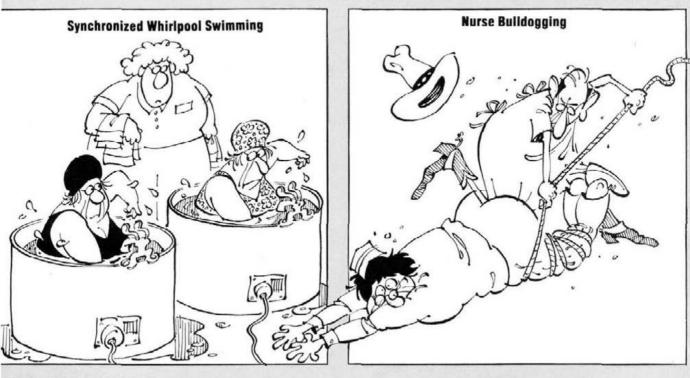




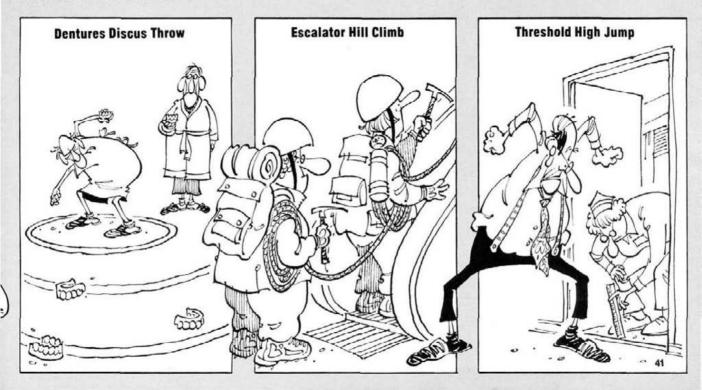
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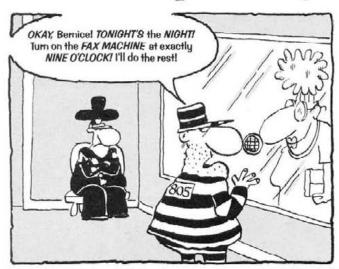
S for PEOPLE TOO OLD to PLAY VHO STILL WANT TO COMPETE



WRITER: WILLIAM T. RASCHENDORFER



The Perplexing Penifentiary Ploy





ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING









OF MOOSE AND MENSCH DEPT. SNºRIN' EXPOSURE A gentle, soothing bath, a glass of warm milk, soft music filling the background air...good old American standbys to help you relax, unwind and perhaps doze off. But these traditional methods pale in comparison to the drowsy, logy, semi-comatose feeling we get when watching a popular, laid back series about a Jewish New York doctor living in Alaska. Of course, we mean... WRITER: STAN HART **ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES** he good news about I can't understand why Jowl Hey, what's Beats me! He keeps The bad news is that that moose asking if anyone has this show is that it sometimes that isn't enamored with Alaska! seen a flying squirrel will sometimes allow quiet moment lasts Consider its beauty and doing in itself a quiet moment! natural resources-miles of the middle with an old aviator's for the entire show! cap and goggles! beaches, vast amounts of oil. of town? it is in the same place! AY WARD Admit it, O'Cornball, Right! | love doctors and you have a love/hate hate schmucks! relationship with me! Not unless you The mutual attraction that they hide by being watch how antagonistic towards pre-teens act each other is something in junior high school! you don't see very often! SHE FLIES TOO!









Pinocchio Has a Bad Week!

ARTIST: JOHN POUND

WRITER: DAN BIRTCHER



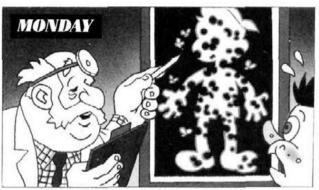
The real boys at his school play a cruel joke on him.



After passing a few hours whittling with Gepetto, he is unable to find his left foot.



He attends Jiminy Cricket's funeral after his friend 48 dies an untimely death on a Shell No-Pest Strip.



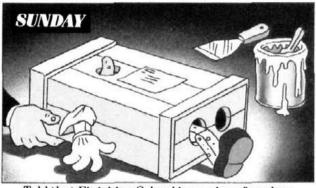
Tests reveal he's picked up a bad case of termites from a wooden toilet seat.



He discovers that his antiperspirant does nothing to prevent embarrassing sap stains.



Alone in his room, he wonders why so many people believe it's lucky to knock on wood.



Told that Finishing School is no place for a boy like him, he is packed off to refinishing school.

WHAT GARISHLY **LOUD FASHION** STATEMENTS HAVE **BECOME A MUST FOR TRENDY PEOPLE?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS AD FOLD-

Fashion trendsetters today must have one important thing. To find out what it is, fold page in as shown at right.



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BEAUTIFUL DUDES STAY EXCELLENTLY COOL BY KEEP-ING UP WITH ELEGANTLY BIZARRE AND IRREV-ERANT STYLES. THIS IS WHAT MAKES TRENDSETTERS. AP

WHITETAIL DEER: 4 years old. Forest creature and a member of the Nature's Revenge Association.

"Every year my peaceful woodland home is invaded by thousands of hunters who shoot at me with rifles and guns with absolutely no provocation on my part. Usually I'm just walking around, minding my own business or chewing on some berries when BANG! A bullet goes flying past my head. Now don't get me wrong. I have nothing against sportsmen, but I don't like being the target of some accountant from Scarsdale out for a weekend with his buddies. All of the bears, rabbits, racoons and other forest creatures I've spoken to feel pretty much the same way.

"That's why we formed the NRA-Nature's Revenge Association. We've learned that a hunter will have a new appreciation and respect for an animal that's armed as heavily as he is. We know that guns aren't toys ... Believe me, we know. So we teach our members gun safety and train them not to shoot unless they've been shot at first ... a lesson most hunters haven't learned yet.

"So this year we're ready. We've been practicing for months. We've got our permits. And we're determined to have a safe hunting season for all involved. If you want to visit our home and take our pictures, fine. But keep your guns in the cities where they belong.

No one wants to be the deer-ly departed."

m the NRA°.



The NRA Animal Firearms Program provides law abiding beasts with basic instruction in the safe handling of guns with their paws. If you are an endangered species and want more information, write to Nature's Revenge Association, Yellowstone Ntl. Park, Wyoming, 00118.